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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASASHI HAMADA ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/842,042 ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: April 26, 2001 ) :  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING ) : May 23, 2001  
APPARATUS ) :

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under  
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is  
directed to the following co-pending U.S. Applications:

| <u>APPLICATION NO.</u> | <u>FILING DATE</u> | <u>Group Art Unit</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 09/548,364             | April 12, 2000     | 2768                  |
| 09/547,397             | April 11, 2000     | 2771                  |
| 09/318,630             | May 26, 1999       | 2672                  |

A copy of each of the cited Applications is  
enclosed.

Applicant submits that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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